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WGH WILL AIR EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH POWERS

Radio station WGH has scored a journalistic "first" for this area in the nature of an exclusive interview with Francis Gary Powers, who lives in Pound, a small Southwest Virginia town. Radio newsman Jim Clark, well known to local residents as one of the star radio reporters on the Peninsula, trudged through mud, rain and endured extreme cold temperatures to obtain the feature which will be presented at 7 tonight over WGH, both AM and FM.

Ambert Dail, manager of the station, announced Wednesday that the interview will not be given to any other station or network of stations and will be broadcast for the benefit of WGH listeners only.

Powers, who was employed by the CIA of the United States, parachuted from his plane following an explosion and was arrested by the Russian authorities as a spy. He was subsequently tried and sentenced to 10 years in confinement in that country. He was released last month on an exchange of prisoners with Russia and returned to this country to face investigations by the CIA and a congressional committee.

The interview deals with the suffering, anxiety and tribulations of his parents and yet clearly indicates the wholesome ruggedness of these mountain folk.